

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner McAvoy for her helpful explanations of the claim objections to Claims 15 and 17 in the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, in her consideration of Applicants' application.

Further, Applicants wish to thank Examiner McAvoy for indicating that Claims 1-14, 16, and 18-24 are allowable; and, for withdrawing the Restriction Requirement.

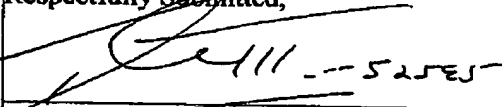
Applicants have cancelled Claims 15 and 17 in the interest of efficient prosecution of the remaining allowable claims; and, further add new Claims 25-45. New Claims 25-45 are exactly similar to that of original Claims 18-24, except that New Claims 25-31 are dependent from allowable original Claim 10; New Claims 32-38 are dependent from allowable original Claim 12; and New Claims 39-45 are dependent from allowable original Claim 16. Support for these new Claims are found throughout the specification and the original claims. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the above amendment.

Claims 1-14, 16, and 18-45 are now pending.

The objections of Claims 15 and 17 are believed to be obviated by the cancellation of these claims. Withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Should anything further be required to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the below-signed by telephone.

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